

REMARKS

In the Notice of Allowance dated September 15, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings as not illustrating every feature of the invention specified in the claims. In particular, the Examiner asserted that the ceramic film of claim 16, the plating of claim 17, the nitride compound layer of claim 18, and the carbon film of claim 19 must be shown in the drawings or cancelled from the claims.

In order to indicate the location of these features in the invention, a proposed drawing amendment and new formal drawings incorporating the proposed drawing amendment have been submitted herewith. In particular, Figure 2 has been amended in order to include reference number 40 illustrating the ceramic film, the plating, the nitride compound layer, or the carbon film recited in the claims. Because these features were fully supported by the original disclosure, it is submitted that these drawing amendments do not constitute new matter, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter new formal Figure 2. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that these drawing amendments overcome the Examiner's objection to the drawings.

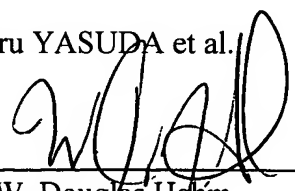
The Examiner is also requested to note that the substitute specification submitted on December 20, 2004 has also been amended as indicated above in order to provide consistency with the drawing amendments discussed above. Because these changes are merely formal in nature, it is submitted that no new matter has been added. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments to the specification.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the Examiner's objection to the drawings as set forth in the Notice of Allowance has been fully addressed, and that this application is now in condition to be issued. However, if the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding the amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Replacement formal Figure 2 is submitted concurrently herewith under a separate cover letter.

